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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER, SELECTMEN, & AUDITORS

OF THE

TOWN OF WINDHAM,

TOGETHER WITH THE REPORTS OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

AND

TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH, 1882.

MANCHESTER, N. H.:

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"I have used a box of Dr. Warren's Troches with much satisfaction and benefit. They are the best I ever used."

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"My wife and myself both think your Troches the very best we have used."

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"I found them very efficacious in relieving throat difficulty and lung trouble. I should be unwilling to do without them."

MRS. S. W. ADAMS, wife of the late REV. J. F. Adams of Greenland, N. H.

"I have used for the last six weeks seven boxes of Brown's Troches, but they have failed to help me. I received the box you sent me on Saturday and began to use them at once, and am happy to say that I am very much relieved."

REV. GEO. W. PIERCE, East Rochester, N. H.

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REV. ALBERT WATSON,

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"I have found them superior to anything I ever used for clearing and lubricating the vocal organs, at the same time having a genial influence upon the stomach."

REV. ISAAC C. WHITE, Newmarket, N. H.

"I have tried Dr. Warren's Wild Cherry and Sarsaparilla Troches and find that they relieve bronchial irritation quicker and more effectually than any troches I have ever used."

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer respectfully submits the following report for the year ending March 1, 1881:—

| | DR. |
|---|----------|
| To cash in treasury March 1, 1881 | \$17 41 |
| taxes assessed for the year 1881 | 5,210 41 |
| tax on dogs | 46 00 |
| taxes due from collector for the year 1880 | 662 01 |
| interest on the same | 6 48 |
| cash received of county for sup- port of paupers | 34 50 |
| cash received of county treas- urer, it being for rebate on county taxes for the years 1880 and 1881 | 165 02 |
| cash received of state treasurer for rebate on state taxes for 1880 and 1881 | 120 00 |
| cash received of state treasurer, railroad tax, 1881 | 252 00 |
| cash received of state treasurer, savings-bank tax for 1881 | 380 85 |
| cash received of state treasurer, literary fund for 1881 | 51 60 |
| cash received of James Cochran for use of town-house | 16 50 |
| cash received of A. Dow, license on bowling-alley | 5 00 |
| cash received of selectmen, being for old bridge-plank sold | 75 |
| cash received of H. Berry, col- lector for 1879 | 11 65 |

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| To cash received of collector for 1880, as interest | 23 74 |
| cash received of collector for 1881, as interest | 6 89 |
| cash received of selectmen for law reports sold | 80 00 |
| | ————— \$7,090 81 |
| | CR. |
| By county tax | \$1,303 51 |
| state tax | 872 00 |
| 130 orders, amounting to | 3,024 64 |
| highway receipts, 1879 | 35 |
| highway receipts, 1880 | 56 03 |
| highway receipts, 1881 | 665 22 |
| cash due from collector for 1880 | 90 02 |
| cash due from collector for 1881 | 577 78 |
| Wm. D. Cochran's note, Feb. 1 | 350 00 |
| interest on the same | 16 04 |
| cash in treasury | 135 22 |
| | ————— \$7,090 81 |

STANDING OF THE TREASURY.

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Due from collector, 1880 | \$90 02 |
| Interest on same, 1880 | 8 55 |
| Due from collector, 1881 | 577 78 |
| Interest on same, 1881 | 9 63 |
| Cash in treasury March 1, 1882 | 135 22 |
| | ————— \$821 20 |
| Highway receipts, 1881 | 262 08 |
| Balance in favor of the town, Mar. 1, 1882 | 559 12 |

J. P. CROWELL, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned auditors, have this day examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. S. REYNOLDS,
F. J. HUGHES,
Auditors.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

INVENTORY OF THE TOWN OF WINDHAM TAKEN APRIL 1, 1881.

| | VALUE. |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Number of polls, 186 | \$18,600 00 |
| Real estate | 288,636 00 |
| Number of horses, 179 | 10,116 00 |
| Number of oxen, 26 | 1,498 00 |
| Number of cows, 386 | 8,888 00 |
| Number neat stock, 64 | 1,010 00 |
| Number of sheep, 76 | 260 00 |
| Number of hogs, 17 | 102 00 |
| Number of carriages, 4 | 290 00 |
| Money at interest | 11,552 00 |
| Stock in trade | 17,178 00 |
| Mills and machinery | 12,750 00 |
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| | \$370,880 00 |

WHOLE AMOUNT ASSESSED.

| | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| State tax | \$872 00 |
| County tax | 1,303 51 |
| School tax | 763 00 |
| Money voted for schools | 200 00 |
| Money raised for town charges | 800 00 |
| School-house tax in district No. 3 | 200 00 |
| Highway tax | 927 20 |
| Dog tax | 4 ^c 00 |
| Bearing money | 144 70 |
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| | \$5,256 41 |

Rate per cent, \$11.10 per \$1,000, money.

Rate per cent, \$2.50 per \$1,000, highway.

TOWN OFFICERS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid B. E. Blanchard, balance of services as S. school committee for 1880 | \$4 50 |
| W. D. Cochran, balance of services as selectman for 1880 | 4 60 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, balance of services as selectman for 1880 | 2 50 |
| Charles Smith, balance of services as selectman for 1880 | 2 00 |
| L. J. Griffin, for services as clerk | 15 00 |
| James Cochran, for services as clerk | 10 00 |
| L. A. Morrison, for services as moderator | 2 00 |
| W. C. Harris, for services as supervisor | 5 50 |
| J. P. Crowell, for services as supervisor | 4 50 |
| J. H. Dinsmoor, for services as supervisor | 4 50 |
| W. D. Cochran, for services as selectman | 57 25 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for services as selectman | 44 00 |
| Charles Smith, for services as selectman | 45 25 |
| J. P. Crowell, for services as treasurer | 25 00 |
| B. E. Blanchard, for services as S. school committee | 40 00 |
| S. L. Prescott, for services as collector | 50 00 |
| H. S. Reynolds, for services as auditor | 4 00 |
| F. J. Hughes, for services as auditor. | 4 00 |
| | ----- |
| | \$324.60 |

EDUCATION.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Paid District No. 1, town appropriation | \$195 05 |
| literary money | 8 68 |
| dog tax | 6 00 |
| 2, town appropriation | 212 23 |
| literary money | 4 60 |
| dog tax | 6 00 |
| 3, town appropriation | 154 50 |
| literary money | 11 24 |
| dog tax | 6 00 |
| 4, town appropriation | 87 30 |
| literary money | 5 11 |
| dog tax | 6 00 |
| 5, town appropriation | 117 40 |
| literary money | 9 20 |
| dog tax | 6 00 |

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| Paid District No. 6, town appropriation | .. | .. | \$126 63 |
| literary money | .. | .. | 8 68 |
| dog tax | .. | .. | 6 00 |
| 7, town appropriation | .. | .. | 69 89 |
| literary money due No. 7 | .. | .. | 4 09 |
| dog tax | .. | .. | 6 00 |
| | | | ----- |
| | | | \$1,056 60 |

MISCELLANEOUS.

| | | | |
|--|----|----|---------|
| Paid John B. Clarke, for printing town reports | .. | .. | \$29 00 |
| S. B. Farmer, land damage for road at West Windham | .. | .. | 10 00 |
| W. H. Armstrong, money belonging to district No. 3 | .. | .. | 200 00 |
| L. J. Griffin, oil and lamp-wicks | .. | .. | 46 |
| L. L. Fish, land damage for road from Mammoth road to Hudson line | .. | .. | 136 00 |
| B. E. Blanchard, land damage for same | .. | .. | 40 00 |
| Ambrose Richardson, land damage for same | .. | .. | 50 00 |
| Nashua and Rochester R. R. Corporation, land for highway | .. | .. | 3 00 |
| F. S. Pearson, for stove | .. | .. | 7 00 |
| P. S. Call, for care of tomb | .. | .. | 2 00 |
| J. F. Webster, public watering-trough | .. | .. | 2 00 |
| B. H. Hughes, public watering-trough | .. | .. | 2 00 |
| G. C. Bartlett, for counsel | .. | .. | 5 00 |
| James Cochran, for care of town-house and hearse | .. | .. | 15 00 |
| James Cochran, for lamp chimneys, burners, and eleven gallons kerosene oil, for town-house | .. | .. | 2 10 |
| James Cochran, hauling and preparing wood for town-house | .. | .. | 4 50 |
| James Cochran, for wood for town-house | .. | .. | 4 50 |
| Daniel Gage, for wood for town house | .. | .. | 2 50 |
| Abel Dow, for public watering-trough in 1880 and 1881 | .. | .. | 4 00 |
| W. D. Cochran, for lock for tomb | .. | .. | 1 00 |
| W. D. Cochran, for services and expense in procuring abatement of state and county tax | .. | .. | 5 60 |

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|---|----------|
| Paid A. F. Stevens, services in procuring abatement of state and county tax | \$2 00 |
| W. D. Cochran, time and expense in paying state tax | 3 60 |
| W. D. Cochran, time and expense to Exeter to settle with the county | 3 60 |
| W. D. Cochran, time and expense to Manchester for counsel on Hudson bridge case | 2 10 |
| Charles Smith, for two gallons kerosene oil | 28 |
| Geo. W. Weston, for deed of town land | 50 |
| W. D. Cochran, postage and express | 60 |
| S. L. Prescott, for tax bills, postal cards, stamps, and envelopes | 3 00 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for collector's book | 95 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for express and postage | 69 |
| | ----- |
| | \$542 98 |

SNOW PATHS.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Paid Willard E. Dow, 1881 | \$11 70 |
| E. B. Smith, " | 5 10 |
| W. A. Dinsmoor, " | 3 00 |
| Joseph P. Crowell, " | 1 20 |
| Elijah L. Watts, " | 4 50 |
| C. L. Haseltine, " | 8 85 |
| W. Russell, " | 3 38 |
| Patrick Hayes, " | 1 25 |
| W. L. Emerson, " | 2 25 |
| L. A. Morrison, 1882 | 20 07 |
| P. S. Call, " | 5 92 |
| Benj. F. Wilson, " | 4 50 |
| J. C. Armstrong, " | 2 50 |
| Patrick Hayes, " | 11 78 |
| C. A. Reed, " | 15 57 |
| W. L. Emerson, " | 11 95 |
| Joseph F. Webster, " | 20 00 |
| Geo. L. Bugbee, " | 4 95 |
| Geo. J. Haseltine, " | 28 95 |
| James N. Crowell, " | 25 65 |
| J. L. Cottle, " | 7 35 |
| Charles E. Patrick, " | 34 50 |
| Henry Clark, " | 9 20 |

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| Paid Olin Parkers, | 1882 | . | . | \$10 | 65 |
| B. H. Hughes, | " | . | . | 8 | 85 |
| J. A. Nesmith, | " | . | . | 2 | 70 |
| J. P. Crowell, | " | . | . | 4 | 50 |
| S. L. Prescott, | " | . | . | 7 | 95 |
| W. D. Cochran, | " | . | . | 8 | 40 |
| James Cochran (to town-house) | | . | . | 2 | 00 |
| Horace Berry, | 1881 | . | . | 13 | 35 |
| Joseph S. Clark, | " | . | . | 15 | 30 |
| Absalom Haselton, | " | . | . | 17 | 55 |
| | | | | | |
| | | | | \$335 | 37 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|--|------|----|
| Paid Charles Smith, for building road at West Windham | | | | \$27 | 87 |
| Dow & Alexander, for 467 feet plank for bridge on the turnpike | | | | 8 | 40 |
| W. D. Cochran, for building road from Mammoth road to Hudson line | | | | 72 | 87 |
| Joseph F. Webster, labor on highway | | | | 41 | 07 |
| C. E. Butrick, labor on highway | | | | 7 | 50 |
| Olin Parker, " | " | " | | 18 | 91 |
| Benj. F. Wilson, " | " | " | | 12 | 00 |
| Ebenezer Dustin, for 299 feet bridge stringers | | | | 4 | 47 |
| W. D. Cochran, labor putting bridge on the turnpike | | | | 4 | 85 |
| C. A. Reed, for labor on highway | | | | 13 | 16 |
| O. W. Spaulding, for stringers for bridge near J. K. Marshall's | | | | 9 | 35 |
| A. D. Butler, for plank for same | | | | 13 | 72 |
| P. S. Call, for labor on highway and putting in bridge | | | | 9 | 78 |
| W. L. Emerson, labor on highway | | | | 3 | 25 |
| J. A. Nesmith, " | " | " | | 6 | 70 |
| J. P. Crowell, " | " | " | | 1 | 50 |
| W. D. Cochran, " | " | " | | 1 | 20 |
| W. D. Cochran, labor putting in bridge near J. K. Marshall's | | | | 3 | 00 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for 1,640 feet stringers and plank for bridge near J. L. Cottle's | | | | 32 | 80 |

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| Paid Geo. E. Seavey, for 609 feet of stringers and plank for bridge near S. L. Pres- cott's | \$12 18 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for 1,306 feet stringers and plank for bridge near P. S. Call's . | 26 12 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for 1,637 feet stringers and plank for bridge on road from S. L. Prescott's to T. W. Simpson's | 32 74 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, for 1,372 feet stringers and plank not used and now on hand . | 27 44 |
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| | \$389 88 |

BOUNTIES.

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| Paid for bounties on twenty hawks | \$4 00 |
| " seventeen crows | 1 70 |
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| | \$5 70 |

TRAMPS.

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| Paid W. D. Cochran, keeping five tramps . | \$3 50 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, keeping six tramps . | 4 50 |
| Charles Smith, keeping four tramps . | 3 00 |
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| | \$11 00 |

COUNTY PAUPERS.

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|---|---------|
| Paid L. J. Griffin, for one pair boots for Fintin Bahan | \$3 00 |
| W. D. Cochran, for supplies furnished Fintin Bahan | 36 06 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$39 06 |

TOWN PAUPERS.

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|---|---------|
| Paid Ira G. Merriam, for board of Charles Daniels ten weeks, and medicine . . . | \$35 75 |
| W. D. Cochran, for board of Charles Daniels, and procuring boarding-place . | 1 50 |
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| | \$37 25 |

DAMAGE TO SHEEP.

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|--|--------|
| Paid Robert Armstrong, for damage to sheep | \$6 00 |
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NESMITH LIBRARY.

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|---|----------|
| Paid John E. Cochran, services as librarian | \$52 00 |
| John E. Cochran, for ink, mucilage, and express | 1 00 |
| trustees of Nesmith Library, interest on fund | 60 00 |
| L. A. Morrison, preparing catalogue for library | 6 00 |
| George S. Merrill, printing catalogues | 17 04 |
| W. D. Cochran, car-fare and time for books | 3 30 |
| W. D. Cochran, lining for stove and pro- curing same | 2 35 |
| W. D. Cochran, postage and express | 56 |
| W. D. Cochran, paper to cover books | 75 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$143 00 |

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

| | |
|--|---------|
| Paid J. K. Marshall, tax on money at interest, 1881 | \$0 76 |
| Lyman Jones, tax on money at interest, 1880 | 1 23 |
| Otis Drew, tax on money at interest, 1881 | 1 35 |
| Walter Drew, tax on money at interest, 1880 | 1 35 |
| Orlando Rand, tax on money at interest, 1880 | 4 73 |
| W. W. Dinsmoor, tax on money at inter- est, 1881 | 1 36 |
| James H. Barker, tax on money at inter- est, 1881 | 1 36 |
| Samuel B. Palmer, tax on money at in- terest, 1881 | 1 36 |
| Horace Berry, collector for 1879 | 1 20 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$14 70 |

CEMETERY.

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|--|----------|
| Paid I. W. Young, building wall at cemetery | \$17 00 |
| E. B. Smith, making gate to cemetery | 5 00 |
| James Cochran, labor at cemetery | 24 75 |
| Geo P. Gilbert, labor and material, painting gates at cemetery | 10 50 |
| J. P. Hughes, labor at cemetery | 3 00 |
| Horace Berry, labor at cemetery | 12 75 |
| F. J. Hughes, labor at cemetery | 4 50 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, 400 chestnut stakes | 14 00 |
| Geo. E. Seavey, labor at cemetery | 9 75 |
| W. D. Cochran, labor at cemetery | 20 49 |
| P. S. Call, labor at cemetery | 75 |
| | ----- |
| | \$122 59 |

RECAPITULATION.

| | DR. |
|---|------------|
| Whole amount received and due the treasury for 1881 | \$7,090 81 |
| | CR. |
| By state tax | \$872 00 |
| county tax | 1,303 51 |
| town officers, 1880 | 13 60 |
| town officers, 1881 | 311 00 |
| education | 1,056 60 |
| highway and bridges | 389 88 |
| miscellaneous | 542 98 |
| bounties on hawks and crows | 5 70 |
| tramps | 11 00 |
| county paupers | 39 06 |
| town paupers | 37 25 |
| Nesmith library | 143 00 |
| snow paths | 385 37 |
| abatement of taxes | 14 70 |
| highway receipts, 1880 | 56 03 |
| highway receipts, 1881 | 665 22 |
| highway receipts, 1879 | 35 |
| cemeteries | 122 59 |
| damage to sheep | 6 00 |

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| By W. D. Cochran, note and interest | 366 04 | |
| | | — \$6,291 88 |
| | | — \$798 93 |

FINANCIAL STANDING.

The following is the financial standing of the town March 1, 1882:—

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|---|------------|
| Assets of the treasury | \$789 93 |
| Interest due from collector | 18 18 |
| Due Dist. No. 7, literary money | 4 09 |
| Due from state, bounty on hawks and crows | 5 70 |
| Due from county-pauper account | 4 56 |
| Bridge plank and stringers on hand | 27 44 |
| | — \$858 90 |
| Highway receipts outstanding | 262 08 |
| Due Dist. No. 7, literary money | 4 09 |
| | — \$266 17 |
| Balance in favor of town | \$592 73 |

Respectfully submitted.

W. D. COCHRAN,
GEO. E. SEAVEY,
CHARLES SMITH,

Selectmen of Windham.

We, the undersigned Auditors, have this day examined the above accounts, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

H. S. REYNOLDS,
F. J. HUGHES,

Auditors.

TOWN-HOUSE.

| | DR. |
|---|---------|
| Paid James Cochran, care of town-house | \$10 00 |
| Daniel Gage, for wood for town-house | 2 50 |
| James Cochran, for wood for town-house | 4 50 |
| James Cochran, hauling and preparing wood for town-house | 4 50 |
| for kerosene oil, lamp-chimney, burners, and wicks | 2 84 |
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| | \$24 34 |
| | CR. |
| Received cash of Jubilee Singers | \$1 50 |
| Swiss Bell-ringers | 2 00 |
| L. U. B. Society festival | 3 00 |
| Philharmonics | 10 00 |
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| | \$16 50 |

REPORT
OF THE
TRUSTEES OF NESMITH LIBRARY
FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1882.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS.

| | DR. |
|--|---------|
| Money in the hands of trustees, March 1, 1881 | \$6 93 |
| Received interest on fund from town | 60 00 |
| from sale of duplicate book | 75 |
| from librarian — fines | 4 38 |
| from town, expenses procuring books | 3 30 |
| from town, express bill on books | 50 |
| from town, for paper to cover books | 75 |
| | _____ |
| | \$76 67 |
| | CR. |
| By cash paid Lockwood, Brooks, & Co., for books | 57 88 |
| for histories of New Hampshire, town of Antrim, Life of Gar- field, and 4 vols. Granite Month- lies | 13 50 |
| car-fare, and time procuring books | 3 30 |
| paper to cover books | 75 |
| express bill on books and postage | 56 |
| Money in hands of trustees | 68 |
| | _____ |
| | \$76 67 |

NUMBER AND CIRCULATION OF BOOKS.

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|--|-------|
| No. of volumes in the library at the commencement of the year | 2,312 |
| No. at present time | 2,388 |
| No. taken from library during the year | 2,390 |
| Largest number taken during any month, which was March, 1881 | 284 |
| Smallest number taken in any one month, which was May, 1881 | 126 |
| Largest number taken in a single day, which was June 4, 1881 | 65 |
| Smallest number taken in any one day, which was October 12, 1881. | 3 |

In presenting this report of the trustees for Nesmith library we have these remarks to make:—

On the 25th day of February, 1882, William D. Cochran, Esq., who has been president of the board of trustees the past year, resigned, and Rev. Joseph S. Cogswell, who was installed pastor of the Presbyterian church December 21, 1881, was elected president. This was in accordance with Mr. Nesmith's will, that the pastor of the church should be president of the board of trustees.

During the past year several important and valuable books have been added to the library, by gift from individuals and the United States government. Leonard A. Morrison, Esq., collected together various pamphlets, reports, sermons, etc., etc., had them bound substantially, and presented them to the library. These and other favors entitle him to our hearty thanks. Frank Hackett, Esq., of Portsmouth, has presented a memoir of his father, Hon. W. H. Y. Hackett, a man of note in our State. The United States government has given the usual reports on agriculture, etc.

It is our purpose to foster this library, and make it not only a vehicle of intelligence, but also a power for good. In this good work we shall expect all the citizens of Windham to assist. Trashy novels are harmful, and to secure a

large number of these in our library is most undesirable and unwise. Standard works on agriculture; scientific works, including those of art, literature, and education; town histories,—these should have the preference.

As late as the year 1471, when Louis XI., king of France, borrowed books of an Arabian physician from the faculty of medicine at Paris, he not only deposited, by way of pledge, a valuable plate, but was obliged to procure a nobleman to join with him as a party in a deed, by which he bound himself to the return of the books under a considerable forfeiture. When a book was bought, the affair was of so much importance that it was customary to assemble persons of high character, and to make a formal record that they were present on the occasion.

It was enacted by the statutes of St. Mary's College, in Oxford, England, 1446, that "no scholar shall use a book above one hour, or two hours at most, lest others should be hindered from the use of the same."

In the Middle Ages the booksellers were those who *loaned* single MSS. at high prices. Our fellow-citizens can now see their exalted privileges over those living in former ages.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH S. COGSWELL,

For the Trustees.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In submitting the annual report, we first give a brief statement of the condition of individual schools: —

DISTRICT No. 1.

The summer term was under the charge of William S. Harris, a native of the town, and well acquainted with the scholars. He labored earnestly and conscientiously, with good results. Being possessed of good scholarship he found no difficulties to overcome in any branch, and gave his whole time to rendering aid and instruction to those under his care.

The remaining terms of the year were under the charge of Miss Carrie E. Thom of Salem, who taught the same school so successfully last year. She was under no necessity to spend time in becoming acquainted with her pupils, and directed her efforts with good judgment toward leading them, as rapidly as accuracy would allow, through the various complications of the text-books. Her success was proved at the examination. The exercises were spirited and manifested a good degree of proficiency. A class of boys in grammar showed a very commendable and growing interest through the autumn and winter terms.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Susan M. Smith, teacher.

This school was, as last year, through all the terms under the steady guiding hand of Miss Smith, who not only

knows the wants of her different scholars, but promptly provides for them ; does not stop to inquire what the law demands of her as a teacher, but adds to its requirements anything which will make more pleasant the avenues by which the youth drink in the much coveted "nectar" of a good education. The teacher was not confined to the questions contained in the text-books, but drew largely from her own store of information. Each subject was presented in the most agreeable manner, and every recitation was given with a zest that avoids the tedium that so often mars the exercises of a small school. The scholars readily appreciated her efforts, and added their own to make the school-room a place of rapid improvement.

The winter term is still in session and making good progress, every one manifesting a love for the work.

Much credit is due for fine specimens in drawing ; also a class in written spelling has attained a high standard.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Abbie F. Palmer, teacher.

The inhabitants of this district may well congratulate themselves on the vantage ground their scholars have been permitted to occupy the past three years, under the pleasant guiding hand of Miss Palmer. As a teacher, she made no unnecessary outward show, but had a constant parental care, with now and then a well selected word of caution, together with a vigilant eye that accomplished much for good in the school-room, inspiring a desire for individual effort on the part of the scholar. The school, although the largest in town, was found on each successive visit to be orderly and making good progress, every pupil evincing due regard for the other's welfare and comfort, together with a respect and love for their teacher, which was expressed at the close of the winter term by presenting her with a very pretty toilet-set. This school bids fair soon to take the front rank among the schools in town.

The people of the district, although not before it was needed, have done well in providing for the comfort and health of their children, by repairing and painting the school-house and digging a well.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Lottie E. Reynolds, teacher.

Considerable was expected of this school under the hand of a teacher having so much experience as a fund to draw from, and the results proved the expectation to be well grounded. Good improvement was seen in the school as a whole, and in some branches (among which were reading, penmanship, and mathematics) the improvement was very marked. We were glad to notice also the interest displayed by some scholars who were alone in their classes ; and, although it may seem to them dull and monotonous work, yet we hope to see them still giving character to the school by their presence and amiable deportment.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Nellie O. Moore, teacher.

Miss Moore had taught in other towns, and was able to give a good account of the time spent ; she was also desirous of adopting the most approved methods, and of considering and weighing the suggestions of those more experienced, whether made in books or otherwise. She began with a determination to succeed, and at each visit there was fresh proof of prosperity and advancement.

At the examination of the winter term, it was manifest that she had the love and respect of the scholars, and confidence of the parents, a good number of whom were present. The recitations were prompt and spirited, and the exercises and whole atmosphere of the school-room every way attractive.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Mary B. Titcomb, teacher.

The summer and autumn terms were under the tuition of the same teacher, who placed the scholars on such good footing last year, becoming acquainted with the wants and necessities of each, that she was able to commence understandingly, thereby saving the time spent by a new teacher in learning the position and definite wants of each individual pupil. Good order and correct scholarship marked the progress of each term.

The winter term was taught by Miss Emma E. Anderson of Acworth. Well fitted as a scholar, Miss Anderson was able and ready to impart instruction. But naturally of a mild and retiring disposition, was troubled to maintain the order and system consistent with the highest success. Some classes, however, made good progress.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Harriet Dinsmoor, teacher.

Miss Dinsmoor possessed a wide range of experience and observation, and was particularly watchful over every act and word of her pupils, and in a peculiar way guarded every avenue to wrong doing. The result was, as a matter of course, a quiet and prosperous succession of terms for the year. The school is small and composed mostly of young children, having, however, bright and very active minds, and with careful training will make brilliant scholars.

SUGGESTIONS.

In remarking on the schools the present year, we are happy to note progress in every instance, although in some terms it was more marked than in others. The authority of the teacher has been sufficient without calling in the aid of any higher power, which is a very pleasant feature for the committee.

In our common schools, we *must* labor for the good of the *whole*. Nepotism, or favoritism of any kind, must be set aside. We must seek the good of the school ; labor *with*, and not *against*, the teacher, if we would arrive at the *best possible results*. If there is a real or an imaginary wrong in school, seek to rectify it with the teacher direct, in a *pleasant, candid* way, rather than through the scholar, or otherwise in a fault-finding manner. The labor of teaching is tedious and difficult at best, even when we have the hearty concurrence of the parents and public generally. In order to have our schools prove a success, the children must come from quiet and orderly families, where the teacher's virtues are praised rather than their faults and short-comings commented on. It is vastly easier to picture to ourselves a perfect teacher than to step in and act the part ourselves.

READING.

Many thanks are due the teachers of the town the past year for the readiness which they have seconded the efforts of your committee in regard to this much neglected branch of study. We *must* have good readers if we ever attain to a high standard of scholarship. Children do not at first comprehend the importance, or understand the method, of arriving at proficiency in reading, but will soon learn to appreciate the efforts put forth in their behalf.

SPELLING

has by no means been neglected the past year. In some schools the practice of writing the exercises has been attended with very good results ; especially has it been evident where blank-books have been used, thereby preserving the daily lessons of the term, which stimulates the pupil to correct efforts.

TEXT-BOOKS.

Much inconvenience has been felt the past years in classifying, on account of the variety of editions of Greenleaf's arithmetic which have been in use for many years. This being the case, when a favorable opportunity occurred your committee exchanged the old Greenleaf's for Fish-Robinson's, a newly revised work, retaining, however, Colburn's Mental, a work not yet surpassed in merit.

A change was also made in grammars. The shorter course of N. H. Wells, an old author with whom many of us are familiar, being substituted for Kerl's.

“Swinton's Word-book” of English spelling and the Spencerian system of penmanship were also introduced, and gave good satisfaction.

B. E. BLANCHARD,
Superintending School Committee.

WINDHAM, March 1, 1882.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars who have been neither absent or tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

John L. Dinsmoor, Alice F. Haseltine, Harlan A. Cochran, Nellie C. Parker (two terms), Gracie C. Hanson (two terms).

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Annie M. Varnum, Ilde G. Prescott, Allettee V. Simpson, Flora M. Coan (two terms), Amy N. Prescott (three terms), Agnes T. Simpson (three terms).

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Joanna B. Clark, Geo. W. Jackson, Lizzie B. Doran, Luella B. McDuffee, Lillie I. Clark, Geo. H. Clark, Eddie B. Clark, Eugene W. Armstrong, Frank McDuffee, Horace F. Wheeler, Edna M. Armstrong (two terms), Minnie L. Clark (three terms).

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Horace F. Cheney, Cinderella J. Moore, Herman E. Abbott (three terms).

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Mary E. Fish, Alice D. Davidson, Jennie L. Davidson, Hattie M. Smith, Luther M. Smith, Orren A. Smith, Willie F. Robinson (two terms), Abbie M. Smith, Freddie O. Webster.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Percy J. Call, Mary L. Call, George Griffin, Alma Griffin, Ella M. Harris, Estelle M. Wright, Sammie H. Anderson, Jimmie E. Anderson, George M. Call (two terms).

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Gracie I. Davis, George H. Butterfield, Alice L. Owens (two terms).

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| No. of District. | COMMITTEES. | PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEES AND TEACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|--|--|--|---------------------|--|--|--|
| | | TEACHERS. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | Summer. | | | | Autumn. | | | | Winter. | | | |
| 1 | Wm. A. Dinsmoor.. | Wm. S. Harris..... | | | | Carrie E. Thom..... | | | | Carrie E. Thom. | | | |
| 2 | Albert E. Simpson.. | Susan M. Smith..... | | | | Susan M. Smith..... | | | | Susan M. Smith..... | | | |
| 3 | Samuel Alexander.. | Abbie F. Palmer.... | | | | Abbie F. Palmer ... | | | | Abbie F. Palmer. | | | |
| 4 | James M. Crowell.. | Lottie A. Reynolds. | | | | Lottie A. Reynolds | | | | Lottie A. Reynolds. | | | |
| 5 | Joseph F. Webster.. | Nellie O. Moore.... | | | | Nellie O. Moore.... | | | | | | | |
| 6 | Horace Anderson... | Mary B. Titcomb... | | | | Mary B. Titcomb.... | | | | Emma E. Anderson. | | | |
| 7 | Susan E. Davis.... | Harriet Dinsmoor.. | | | | Harriet Dinsmoor... | | | | | | | |

STATISTICAL TABLE.

| | | Summer. | | | | | | | Autumn. | | | | | Winter. | | | | | |
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| Number of district | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Length of school in weeks..... | | 8 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 9 | 7 |
| Wages per month..... | | \$24 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 20 | 28 | 28 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 26 | 20 | 32 | 28 | 26 | 26 |
| Number of scholars..... | | 14 | 11 | 24 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| Average attendance..... | | 10 | 10 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 18 | 5 | 11 | 9 | 22 | 6 | 13 | 19 | 7 | 12 | 9 | 18 | 5 |
| No. of visits by S. S. Committee.... | | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| No. of visits by Prudential Committee. | | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| No. of visits by parents and others. | | 22 | 21 | 10 | 35 | 20 | 13 | 14 | 6 | 14 | 3 | 28 | 14 | 8 | 12 | 3 | 11 | 3 | 37 |
| No. scholars attending to reading..... | | 14 | 11 | 24 | 7 | 14 | 21 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| " " spelling.... | | 14 | 11 | 24 | 7 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 12 | 10 | 25 | 7 | 14 | 22 | 8 | 17 | 10 | 22 | 7 |
| " " penmanship.. | | 9 | 8 | 14 | 4 | 10 | 12 | 6 | 12 | 9 | 21 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 7 | 11 | 10 | 20 | 7 |
| " " arithmetic... | | 14 | 5 | 20 | 6 | 9 | 16 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 22 | 7 | 11 | 17 | 7 | 16 | 7 | 22 | 7 |
| " " geography... | | 7 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 14 | 1 | 8 | 14 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 1 |
| " " grammar.... | | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| " " composition.. | | .. | 1 | 2 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 11 | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| " " history.... | | 2 | .. | .. | 2 | .. | 4 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | 2 | 1 | .. | .. | 1 |
| " " physiology... | | .. | 1 | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| " " book-keeping.. | | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3 | .. | .. | .. | .. |
| " " algebra.... | | .. | 2 | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | 1 | .. | .. |
| " " geometry.... | | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2 | .. | .. | 1 |
| " " philosophy... | | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | .. |

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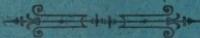
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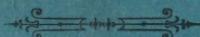
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